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Dear [REDACTED]

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I would like to request that CIA provide a classified briefing on the Afghan/Pakistan situation to the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs. I am also requesting DIA and INR to take part in this briefing, which I would like to be held on March 1 at 10:00 A.M. in Room H-236 in the Capitol. The purpose of such a briefing is to make sure that members of the Subcommittee are fully informed of the situation and outlook on the key issues in Southwest Asia in preparation for considering the Administration's request for a supplemental aid authorization for Pakistan in FY 1983 and a regular authorization for FY 1984. Since the House Foreign Affairs Committee probably will do a two-year authorization bill (FY 1984 and FY 1985) we will need to access likely developments over the next several years.

I would like the briefing to cover the following topics:

1. The present situation and outlook in Afghanistan. Please access the military struggle; the outlook for developing effective Afghan military and security forces; the struggle between the Khalq and Parcham factions of the regime; the economic situation and outlook; cohesiveness and divisions among the guerillas and the exiles; and the likelihood of increased refugees going to Pakistan--and Iran.
2. Soviet policy toward Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. Please describe Moscow's military and political strategy and tactics toward each country, the cost and benefits (political as well as military and economic) of its effort to subdue Afghanistan, the actions it has taken (and threatened) to pressure--or induce--Pakistan to accept the Babrak regime and seek an accommodation with Moscow; and Soviet attitudes toward the continuing struggle and toward a compromise or negotiated settlement in Afghanistan, including Soviet terms and the likely consequences in the region of any settlement acceptable to Moscow.

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3. Pakistan's political situation and outlook. Please discuss the strength, weaknesses, and prospects of the Zia regime; the strength and weaknesses of the major opposition forces; religions, ethnic and regional tensions in Pakistan; the impact of Zia's Islamicization program; the likely nature of any successor regime; the impact of the Afghan refugees on Pakistani politics; the political impact of recent economic trends; and the impact of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and Pakistan's new security links with the United States on domestic Pakistani politics.

4. Pakistan's economic situation and outlook. Please describe recent economic trends in the key sectors of Pakistan's economy and the general economic outlook over the next few years; the country's economic strengths and weaknesses and how they are likely to effect its economic performance; the likely consequences of falling oil prices on the country's oil import costs and on the value of the remittances from Pakistani workers in the Gulf area; Pakistan's foreign trade and payments outlook; Pakistan's debt burden and the country's ability to service its debt.

5. Pakistan's nuclear program. Please assess Pakistan's present nuclear capabilities, and how these are likely to develop over the next several years; Pakistan's basic nuclear goals, and the methods it is using to seek to realize them; the sources and types of assistance it is obtaining from abroad--both from commercial purchases (open or clandestine) and from foreign governments; and the costs of the program to date and its likely future costs. Please give us your assessment of the circumstances under which Pakistan might explode a nuclear device, and Pakistan's estimate of the U.S. reaction to such an event.

6. The Afghan/Pakistani/Indian military balance. Please discuss the evolution of the military strengths and weaknesses of these countries in recent years, and any likely changes in the military balance during the next several years; the threats Pakistan perceives to its security and its strategy for dealing with them; the capabilities Pakistan has and will have over the next several years to deal with various possible Soviet threats; Pakistan's arms imports from non-US sources, especially the PRC; India's perceived threats to its security and its strategy to deal with them; India's arms imports; and the extent to which Pakistan is using US arms to increase its capabilities along the Afghan frontier, along the Indian border, and to increase its capabilities across the board.

7. Relations between the countries of the region. Please describe Pakistani and Indian policy toward each other in recent years, and the outlook for their relations over the next several years; Pakistan's basic strategy for dealing with the Afghan situation, including its policy toward the Afghan guerrilla forces; the pressures for and constraints against any Pakistani move to accommodate the USSR; the role of and outlook for Pakistan's links with the PRC and Middle Eastern nations in its basic political-military strategy; the outlook for Indo-Soviet and Sino-Indian relations; and the status and outlook for the UN-sponsored negotiations on Afghanistan.

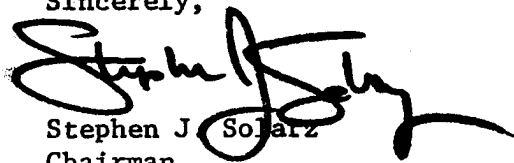
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I would like each of the three agencies taking part in the briefing to submit written testimony covering those topics for the briefing that are most appropriate for it. William Barnds, Staff Director of the Subcommittee, will be willing to discuss this with your staffs to see that there are no gaps and no needless duplication. At the briefing will you each summarize your major points in fifteen minutes so there will be adequate time for questions.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Solarz
Chairman
Subcommittee on Asian and
Pacific Affairs

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